



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

Donald M McPhaul

Respondent Name

Liberty Insurance Corp

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-14-1460-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 01

MFDR Date Received

January 27, 2014

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "I am requesting that this injured workers claim be reviewed for additional monies per Rul3 133.250..."

Amount in Dispute: \$330.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "Claim (carrier claim number) for date of injury (date of injury) is not a network claim."

Response Submitted by: Liberty Insurance Co

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
March 6, 2013	Physician Services	\$993.35	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203 sets out the reimbursement guidelines for professional medical services.
3. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:
 - X263 – The code billed does not meet the level/description of the procedure performed/documented
 - U858 – Procedure code should not be billed without appropriate primary procedure
 - X133 – This charge was not reflected in the report as one of the procedure or services performed
 - B291 – This is a bundled or non covered procedure based on Medicare guidelines; no separate payment allowed
 - 193 – Original payment decision is being maintained

Issues

1. Did the requestor support the level of service billed?
2. Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement?

Findings

1. The carrier denied the disputed service, 99204, as, X2633 – “The code billed does not meet the level/description of the procedure performed/documented.” 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203(b)(1) states, in pertinent part, “for coding, billing reporting, and reimbursement of professional medical services, Texas Workers’ Compensation system participants shall apply the following: (1) Medicare payment policies, including its coding; billing; correct coding initiatives (CCI) edits; modifiers; ... and other payment policies in effect on the date a service is provided...” Review of the submitted documentation finds that the requestor performed an office visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient. The American Medical Association (AMA) CPT code description for 99204 is:

Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these 3 key components: A comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; Medical decision making of moderate complexity. Counseling and/or coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals, or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Typically, 45 minutes are spent face-to-face with the patient and/or family

The 1997 Documentation Guidelines for Evaluation & Management Services is the applicable Medicare policy. It describes the documentation requirements for the service in dispute. Review of the documentation finds the following:

- Documentation of the Comprehensive History
 - History of Present Illness (HPI) consists of at least four elements of the HPI or the status of at least three chronic or inactive conditions. Documentation found listed two chronic conditions, thus not meeting this component.
 - Review of Systems (ROS) inquires about the system (s) directly related to the problem(s) plus additional body systems. At least ten organ systems must be reviewed. Documentation found listed two systems, this component was not met.
 - Past Family, and/or Social History (PFSH) requires a review of two or all history areas, at least one specific item from each history areas to be documented. The documentation found listed one area. This component was not met.
 - Documentation of a Comprehensive Examination: Requires at least nine organ systems to be documented, with at least two elements listed per system. The documentation found listed one body area and 2 systems: This component was not met.

The division concludes that the requirements of submitted bill not supported by submitted documentation. The Carriers’ denial is supported.

The carrier denied CPT code 95912 as, X263 - The code billed does not meet the level/description of the procedure performed/documented.” 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203(b)(1) states, in pertinent part, “for coding, billing reporting, and reimbursement of professional medical services, Texas Workers’ Compensation system participants shall apply the following: (1) Medicare payment policies, including its coding; billing; correct coding initiatives (CCI) edits; modifiers; ... and other payment policies in effect on the date a service is provided...” The American Medical Association (AMA) CPT code description for 95912 is defined as; “Nerve conduction studies 11-12 studies”. Per CMS Local Coverage Determination (LCD) L32723 found at www.novitas.com, “Each descriptor (code) from codes 95907, 95908, 95909, 95910, 95911, 95912, and 95913 can be reimbursed only once per nerve, or named branch of a nerve, regardless of the number of sites tested or the number of methods used on that nerve.” Electromyography Report dated March 6, 2013, page1 shows eight studies. The carrier’s denial is supported.

The carrier denied CPT code 95886 as U058 – “Procedure code should not be billed without appropriate primary procedure.” The CPT code 95886 is classified as an “add-on” code and is associated with primary procedure. This code must never be reported as a standalone code. No separate payment can be recommended.

The carrier denied CPT code A4556 as B291 – “This is a bundled or non covered procedure based on Medicare guidelines; no separate payment allowed.” Code A4556 is a bundled code and not payable separately. No separate payment can be recommended.

2. Requirements of Rule 134.203 are not met. No additional payment can be recommended.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

_____	_____	October 1, 2014
Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, *37 Texas Register 3833*, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.